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In re application of

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For: BRANCHED CARBOXYLIC ACID COMPOUND AND USE THEREOF

DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir/Madam:

I, Eiichi Kobayashi, do declare and state that:

I graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Agriculture, Department in Agricultural Chemistry, having received a Master's Degree of Agriculture in March, 1992.

I understand the Japanese and English languages.

I found that some words were omitted in the paragraph [0041] in US 2007/0167522 A1 (page 4, lines 20-21 in the present specification). This error was inadvertently caused in the preparation of an English translation of the originally filed PCT application filed in Japanese language, and the originally filed PCT application supports these words. The paragraph [0041] in US 2007/0167522 A1 should be read as follows based on the originally filed PCT application (the underlined words are omitted in the English translation).

[0041] wherein R¹⁻¹, R¹⁻² and R¹⁻³ are not hydrogen atoms at the same time, and when R¹⁻¹ is taken together with R¹⁻² to represent oxo, R¹⁻³ represents a hydrogen atom,

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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